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Corps to Conduct Geophysical Survey

PITTSBURGH – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pittsburgh District will conduct a geophysical survey of selected areas within the Shallow Land Disposal Area located in Parks Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

During the week of September 19, the Corps of Engineers, with technical support from the Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory, will test five geophysical techniques over two small areas within the 44 acre site to detect objects and differences in soil characteristics underground without disturbing the surface soil. This testing will aid the Corps in selecting the most effective techniques to pinpoint underground waste for future clean-up work at the Shallow Land Disposal Area.

The Corps is conducting this work under the authority of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). The FUSRAP program was created to identify, investigate and take appropriate clean-up action at sites with low-level radioactive contamination from the nation's early atomic energy program. Clean-up at formerly utilized sites primarily involves contaminated soil and building debris. The Corps of Engineers uses the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act process, which provides the framework for a systematic investigation, remedial design and clean-up of contaminated sites, to investigate and remediate FUSRAP sites.

Additional information on the Shallow Land Disposal Area in Park Township is available on the project page (www.lrp.usace.army.mil/fusrap/slida.htm) on Pittsburgh District's web site. The Corps' team welcomes questions and comments about our work at the Shallow Land Disposal Area.

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